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*Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Dear Stan

I have your letter of 4 April accepting my invitation to visit SAC--and the intent you expressed to do that on 4 August en route to San Francisco. As you may have noticed, my retirement will be on 1 August; and Dick Ellis will be replacing me here as the Commander in Chief, SAC/Director of Strategic Target Planning, JSTPS, on that date.

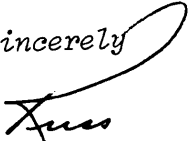
I am sure that the date of 4 August to visit the headquarters will pose no problem for Dick, and I am taking the liberty of closing the loop and telling you that the 4 August date is just fine--even though I won't be aboard to carry out my intention to host you. I know that you and Dick are friends and that the visit will be as useful to him as it would have been to me were I not leaving. I will also alert the Vice Director, JSTPS (Vice Admiral Frank McMullen), of your plans; I know that he, too, will look forward to having you here at Offutt. Please continue to plan on stopping by, and we will be delighted to work with your aide on the details.

I am remiss in not thanking you for letting my son ride back to Europe with you last fall--it was one of my twin boys, First Lieutenant Bryant Dougherty, who made the trip on your airplane en route back to his TAC fighter wing at Spangdahlem--he is an F-4 pilot; and his twin brother, Mark, is also flying F-4s in the TAC fighter wing at Ramstein. It was kind of you to let him join for the flight, and I am grateful to you for this courtesy.

Though I won't be here during your visit in August, our paths will undoubtedly cross somewhere, sometime in the Washington area. Gerry and I will be retiring in Arlington, where we have bought a new town house now under construction in the Forest Hills section just across I-95 from the Army Navy Country Club.

I wish you the very best with the important portfolios that you have assumed in your key national duties--if I can help in any way, just let me know.

Sincerely



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Commander in Chief